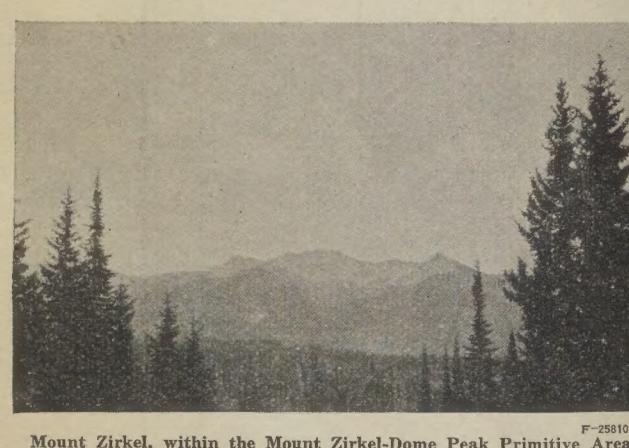


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It was designated as a primitive area because of its abundance of wild life, its exceptional natural scenic beauty, its remoteness, and the absence of all evidence of modern civilization. There are no roads within the unit and none will be built. The only practical means of travel is afoot or with saddle horse and pack outfit, over trails that extend to the principal parts of the area. No summer homes or resorts will be permitted.

Timber, consisting principally of Engelmann spruce and lodgepole pine, covers about two thirds of the area. In this region snow in winter reaches a depth of from 6 to 10 feet, so the principal value of this timber is for watershed protection. Conservative grazing and timber cutting will be permitted within primitive areas, since neither of these interferes with the purpose for which the area is being managed.



FISH AND GAME

The Routt Forest affords good fishing in many of its larger streams and lakes. These are kept well stocked by the State fish hatcheries at Steamboat Springs and Walden, and the Federal hatchery at Saratoga, Wyo.

A herd of elk, numbering about 1,200 head, uses the headwaters of the South Fork of Elk River within the Mount Zirkel-Dome Peak Primitive Area. Deer, bear, and small game are also common within the forest.

The Forest Service has spent considerable time and money putting up signs for the benefit of the public; please leave them unmutilated and undisturbed.

Be careful with fire in the woods

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SANITATION

A clean camp ground is far more attractive than one strewn with tin cans and other kinds of refuse. The unsightliness, however, is less serious than the insanitary condition it indicates. Carelessness in disposing of rubbish is a menace to public health; therefore, all visitors are requested to follow the health rules printed in this folder.

FIRE PREVENTION

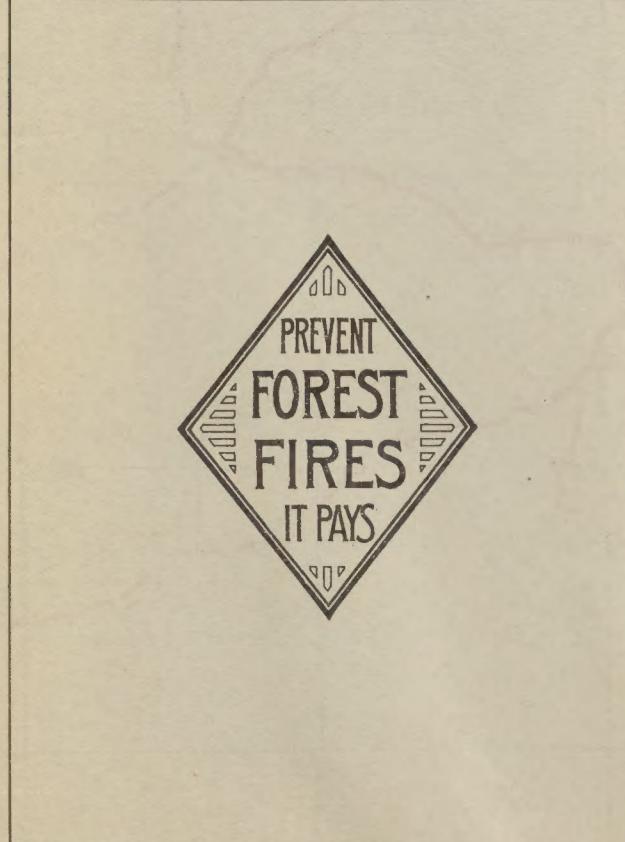
There are many large areas on the forest which show scars of forest fires. All of the large burns are the result of fires which occurred years ago before any of the forested areas in the West were protected. The large burn on Rabbit Ears Pass, along the Victory Highway, occurred in 1879. Systematized efforts in recent years have reduced both the frequency and the extent of fires. During the 24 years since organized fire protection was started, a total of 1,394 acres of public land within this forest have been burned, or an average annual loss of 58 acres. However, 57 percent of this area burned in 1910 so that the loss for the average year has been much less. During seven years there were no fires and in eight other years the loss did not exceed 10 acres annually. Most of the fires that have occurred on the Routt were the result of human carelessness. Nineteen out of 183 fires from 1909 to 1932 were caused by lightning.

The success of fire-prevention efforts depends to a very large extent upon cooperation of the public in exercising constant care with all forms of fire in the forest. Many camp fires are abandoned as extinguished after the application of a few cupsfuls of water, while deep in the surrounding leaf mold live coals are left. These often burn to the surface later and cause destruction of valuable timber and the expenditure of public funds for fire fighting. Be sure your camp fire is out by using plenty of water. Use a stick or shovel to mix the ashes, embers, and earth with the water until all is well puddled.

Burning tobacco or a match thoughtlessly thrown

away may drop into dry leaves or grass and start fires. Avoid starting such fires by equipping your automobile with an ash receiver and refraining from smoking when in the woods.

The spring "break-up" on the Middle Fork of the Elk River, near the Seed House Camp Ground



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PREVENT FOREST FIRES—IT PAYS

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Scale: 1 2 3 4 5 Miles

LEGEND

- Main motor highway
- Good motor road
- Probable motor road
- Trail
- Railroad
- National forest boundary
- Adjacent national forest boundary
- Supervisor's headquarters
- Primary ranger station
- Secondary ranger station *
- Fire tool cache
- Sawmill
- House, cabin or other building
- Improved camp ground

* Not permanently occupied

| Place Name | Latitude | Longitude |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| Battle Creek | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Bear River | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Clark | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Coalmont | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Columbine | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Columbine Lodge | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Craig | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Hayden | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Hahn Peak | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Hot Sulphur Springs | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Horizon | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Kremmling | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Lay | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Maybell | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| McCoy | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| McGregor | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Miller | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Mount Harts | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Oak Creek | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Philippeburg | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Seed House | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| State Bridge | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Steamboat Springs | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Tompson | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Walden | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Wolcott | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |
| Yampa | 40° 30' N | 107° 30' W |

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PUT OUT YOUR CAMP FIRE WITH WATER